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Attorney Docket No.: NEO1P025A

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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR. § 1.53(b))  
(Continuation, Divisional or Continuation-in-part application)

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Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR. § 1.53(b) in the name of inventors:

Paul L. Hickman

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ACCESSING A WIDE AREA NETWORK

This application is a ☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part  
of prior Application No.: 08/847,921, from which priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 is claimed.

Application Elements:

- ☒ 29 Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract  
☒ 15 Sheets of Informal Drawings  
☒ 2 Pages Declaration  
☐ Newly executed (original or copy)  
☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d) for a continuation or divisional).  
The entire disclosure of the prior application from which a copy of the declaration is  
herein supplied is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying  
application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.  
☐ Deletion of inventors Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)  
named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

Accompanying Application Parts:

- ☒ Preliminary Amendment (*New claims numbered after highest original claim in prior  
application.*)  
☒ Return Receipt Postcard  
☐ Small Entity Statement ☒ Statement filed in prior application. Status still proper and  
desired.

Amendments

☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: "This is a

☒ Continuation ☐ Continuation-in-part ☐ Divisional  
application of copending prior

☒ Application No. 08/847,921 filed on April 28, 1997,

☐ International Application \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ which  
designated the United States,  
the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference."

☐ Cancel in this application original claims \_\_\_\_\_ of the prior application  
before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained.)

Fee Calculation (37 CFR § 1.16)

|  | (Col. 1)<br>NO. FILED | (Col. 2)<br>NO. EXTRA | SMALL ENTITY<br>RATE FEE | OR | LARGE ENTITY<br>RATE FEE |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|----|--------------------------|
| BASIC FEE  |                       |                       | \$345 \$345              | OR | \$690 \$                 |
| TOTAL CLAIMS   | 20 -20 = 0            |                       | x09 = \$0                | OR | x18 = \$                 |
| INDEP CLAIMS   | 5 -03 = 2             |                       | x39 = \$78               | OR | x78 = \$                 |
| [ ] Multiple Dependent Claim Presented                                   |                       |                       | \$130 = \$0              | OR | \$260 = \$               |
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General Authorization for Petition for Extension of Time (37 CFR §1.136)

☒ Applicants hereby make and generally authorize any Petitions for Extensions of Time as may be  
needed for any subsequent filings. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any extension fees under  
37 CFR §1.17 as may be needed to Deposit Account No. 50-0384 (Order No. NEO1P025A).

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